GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1479
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
UNIFORM SALES TAX
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;VAIKO

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States and Union Territories have agreed to levy uniform Sales tax throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether without the actual implementation of such a decision, the Chandigarh Administration has enhanced substantially the rate of Sales tax on certain items without reducing it on other items; (

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Pondicherry has submitted representation regarding loss of revenue as a result of uniform Sales tax policy; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Sir, in a Conference of the Chief Ministers/Finance Ministersof States and Union Territories held on 16th November, 1999, it was decided by consensus that uniform floor rates of sales tax will be adopted by all the States/Union Territories with effect from 1.1.2000.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The representation has been examined and the consensus decision taken on 16.11.1999 stands.